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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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January 28, 2008

The Honorable Paul Condino, Chairman
House Judiciary Committee
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Representative Condino:

I would like to express my support for House Bills 4872 and 4873 which are designed to protect children who are left alone in cars. I would also like to thank Representative Mark Meadows and Representative Fran Amos for their leadership on this important issue.

As Sheriff of Oakland County, I have seen children left alone in vehicles under circumstances which clearly pose a threat to their well being and in some instances, their lives. Under the current law, charges cannot be levied for such poor decisions unless something tragic actually happens to the child. By then it is too late. Unfortunately, here in our County, we have had to witness such tragedies. House Bills 4872 and 4873 help to send the message that neglect of your child is unacceptable and will have consequences.

Thank you and the Committee for your consideration of these bills. Please feel free to call if I can be of further assistance or answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Bouchard
OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF

Cc: Representative Mark Meadows
Representative Fran Amos

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